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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 20, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 20, 2000 for which the date for response is February 20, 2000.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/UTSD:548/HYL.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9-11, i.e., the Group I claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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